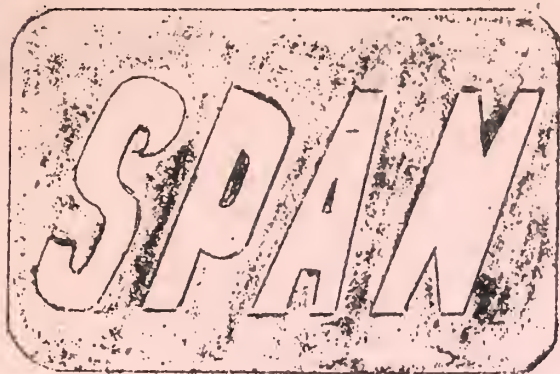


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REA BIRTHDAY PARTY (CONTINUED)  
tention at seating-time. Buy your tickets now from any of the following:  
Administrator's Office - Georgia Kick  
Co-op Operations - Gladys Wright  
Ray Stokely  
Design & Construction - Mary Mason  
Claire Sullivan  
Applications & Loans - Hugh O'Hara  
Danny Wolf  
Personnel - Virginia Goergens  
Information - Eileen O'Brien  
Solicitors Office - Marjorie Gillam  
Tom O'Reilly  
Technical Standards - Clarence White  
Management - Buck Buchanan  
Frances Gilmore  
Finance - Pat Cratty - Connie Hull  
Mary Zugel - Rose Torbeck  
Renee Goldfarb

BIRTHDAYS - MAY 6 THRU 12

Lorraine M. Ameln  
John A. Derry\*  
Rosemary Dodas  
Marylee F. Duncan\*  
William J. Early  
Florence M. Fitzgerald  
Frances Gilmore  
Francis M. Hanrahan\*  
John B. Hegg  
Margaret C. Jones  
Claude D. Kirkpatrick  
Joseph Harry Lang\*  
J. Lee McWilliams  
Earl F. Mart\*  
Emilie A. Mitchell  
Martha A. Reno  
Louise Robinson  
James R. Smith  
Albert J. Stern\*  
Robert E. Thomson\*  
Geraldine A. Vaughn  
Myrth Fleak  
Mildred Dyer  
Lawrence Potamkin\*\*

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\*\* Liaison Office

TEN OR MORE YEARS GOVERNMENT SERVICE

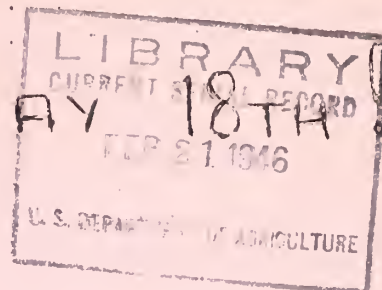
John B. Hegg, 11 years, 4 months  
(4 years, 5 months in REA)  
Louise Robinson, 12 years, 1 month  
(3 years, 3 months in REA)  
James R. Smith, 13 years, 5 months  
(6 years, 8 months in REA)

FIELD REPORT

Rub a dub dub,  
Three men in a tub ....  
Hotels are crowded these days

THE BIG NIGHT

IS MAY 18TH



HOTEL JEFFERSON GOLD ROOM SCENE OF GALA TENTH BIRTHDAY FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 18TH; TICKETS ARE SELLING RAPIDLY; SPEAKING PROGRAM TO BE SHORT

On Friday night, May 18th, all roads will lead to the Hotel Jefferson, at Twelfth and Locust Streets, where the REA Athletic Association will sponsor the Tenth Birthday Party, celebrating the anniversary of REA's organization.

A large committee of REA staff members has been making plans for the event for the past few weeks. Nothing has been left undone to insure an evening that REAers will remember for a long time to come.

Present arrangements call for dinner to be served at 6:30 with the speakers' program following immediately. Dancing to the music of Jimmy Downey's orchestra will begin at 9 and will end promptly at 12, to conform to curfew regulations.

The committee has announced that the speakers program will be as short as possible. Many REAers have expressed a liking for short speeches and the committee has promised to do all it can to keep the length of the program down to a minimum.

Tickets for the event are now on sale (see list of ticket-sellers at end of this story.) The price is \$2.80. This cost is broken down as follows: Dinner \$2.50, State tax 5%, hotel employees' gratuity 25%. It was decided to include the cost of the tip in the price of the ticket so that this extra cost would be borne equally by everyone present.

Ninety tables will be set up in the Hotel Jefferson Gold Room, including the main floor and the mezzanine. A drawing for table selection will be held shortly before the 18th, so that REAers who wish to share the same table with their family and friends may obtain reservations for the number desired. More information on the table-drawing and on the menu will be available within a few days and will be published either in SPAN or in an extra leaflet.

A special escort service for unescorted girls is also being arranged. Under this plan, members of the armed forces located at nearby posts will be invited to the dancing, for any member of the REA "weaker sex" who signs up in advance. Details of this plan will also be released within a few days.

Committee members were emphasizing yesterday the need for purchasing tickets early so that no-one will be disappointed. The Gold Room capacity may be taxed to the utmost on the 18th; ticket-holders will be given extra at- (See left-hand column.)

# DIDJAKNOWTHAT

There's going to be a Reformation around here or so says Uncle Art. Yes sireee, an Edict has been issued to the A. P. boys and gals that there's to be no more gong-gang, coca-cola (what, no rum) march, coffee parade or powder-puff ballet unless one first sends in an official request stating reasons for such and such, and brother it has to be good. Shake well before using and sign on the dotted line before and after taking. This is no time for foolin' says the Edict and Monitors have been appointed to see that there isn't any, well not as much as there was, and if they must fool it's to be official foolin' like foolin' around with Part A and thereby moving all those figures from colyum seven to colyum six, to colyum five and so on and so on until the little dears move right off the left-hand side of the page and into oblivion where they were all the time but the boys haven't found it out yet. Those gals, B. Brummer and V. Schmidt, took the whole thing so seriously that they have made a most magnificent frame for the valentine - 'scuse please the word is Proclamation - and have hung it up with a gorgeous red ribbon (the Russian influence) where all can view with awe and read with a pious look in the eye... or is pious the correct word. Who checks on the monitors is the \$64 question of the week though only six mills will be given for the proper answer. And great consternation reigned the other day when the Chief Monitors failed to check in to check on the monitors who check on the monitors. If you are not a member of the birthday party ticket sales committee you certainly missed something in not hearing T. Wilson's sales talk... that was a whizz. She even went so far as to advocate that the sales-gals promise a real up and comin' wolf to every gal who buys a ticket tho' she failed to mention where she corrals the beasties. Her promotional talk gave Thelma a splendid opportunity to wave her hands about more than usual and thus display that gorgeous bit of ice which is adorning her left hand (on account of it won't fit the right one, says she) and with a perfectly sober mein she convinced everyone that Aunt Arabella bequeathed it to her. Elva Winters remarks that "Aunt Arabella certainly had perfect taste in costume jewelry." Frank Peebles, Major Peebles if you please, who used to hold forth in COD but has been doing his bit in the European Theatre of War, stopped over to see the old place on his way to the Pacific coast and then on to an unknown destination but wherever 'tis, things are going to start moving when Frank arrives and gives with his lusty vocabulary...and we mean lusty. And if you are all good little boys and girls you may get bigger and better sleeping quarters. No, "That Man" isn't here again but he may be 'ere long on account of Ring Master Thatcher from the Big Top came out to view (and 'tis hoped with alarm) the cute little fox-holes which Jerry dreamed up in his spare moments during his last sojourn this way, and if R.M.T. and Mr. Mackey White, who came along for the ride, have any heart at all they're going to do something about this congestion which might lead to someone sitting on someone's lap...and that wouldn't look well -- or would it? 'Member Rosie of the raven tresses and more than one touch of Venus. Now 'tis Rosie Boker Danny and she explains it all came about because he was just out of the hospital and was

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Two mosquitos sat on the features  
Of two fair peroxidized creatures  
When asked by what right  
They replies, it's all right  
We're just seeing the game from the bleachers.

too weak to resist, but had he been Hercules 'twould have been the same did Rosie get that come-hither look in her flashing eyes. That breeze along the corridors of the fourth floor was but Peggy Fotch flying down to R. Blechle to collect her bowling gains...not that she doesn't trust Ruby but she had to eat... the first time in over a week according to her story. Famous quotations: Says Colonel Frazer upon arriving one a.m. not long ago, "It's certainly nice to see some rain after the drought." HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: Jack Wright back in the fold of D&C; J. Andring trekking east for a visit in D.C.; ...but says she'll be back. Well may be; T. Hurd looking for an automobile suitable for field work...that's what he said - field work; Laura Keevil a.l'ing in Pa., N.J. and points east; L. Pegelow ditto to California; Eleanor Miller beside herself with joy when she heard her brother's voice on the telephone -- home again from a German prison camp; E. Lincoln happy as a clam to be back after a bout with scarlet fever; the Budget boys and the Fins transferring their round table discussions from Thompsons to Herz on account the H.gals have more S.A. or somepin; those snappy wires from Alta Wasson (nee Brown) announcing that she middle aisled last week with her Keith; Johnnie Asher and his little Asherettes at the circus...of course, they just had to drag John there; Ruth Todd waiting and waiting for the telephone to ring which she hopes will announce Bob's return from down under where he has been stationed these many months; B. Spiva saying adieu to REA for the sunshine of California; Mary Krug and Harry Lutz announcing they'll merge as soon as the war is won; ED Speh affronted at being addressed as "Miss"; E. Moldenhauer with gray hair brought on by all the bowlers calling to find out when they were going to get their prize money. Now the big question is what to do with it; Adele Grupp and Cathie Brasier with very definite ideas concerning the men they want at the birthday party...paging big, dark and handosomes; D. Pierce back once again after an illness; B. J. Morgan vacationing on a ranch in Arizona where she hopes to lasso a cowboy; E. Cox back after a prolonged vacation with her soldier husband, Bob; Mae Bowles with bruises here and there after a tree collided with her car; W. Ettleman seen at the ball game with a blanket to ward off the chilly winds tho' G. Kick and D. Wagner seemed to be getting more benefit from it; M. Murray on the not-so-well list at Missouri-Baptist Hospital.

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